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32 ABSTRACT

33 Glycolysis and fatty acid (FA) synthesis directs the production of energy-carrying molecules and building blocks necessary to support cell growth, although the absolute 34 35 requirement of these metabolic pathways must be deeply investigated. Here, we used Drosophila genetics and focus on the TOR (Target Of Rapamycin) signaling network 36 37 that controls cell growth and homeostasis. In mammals, mTOR (mechanistic-TOR) is 38 present in two distinct complexes, mTORC1 and mTORC2; the former directly responds 39 to amino acids and energy levels, whereas the latter sustains insulin-like-peptide (IIp) 40 response. The TORC1 and Ilp signaling branches can be independently modulated in 41 most Drosophila tissues. We show that TORC1 and Ilp-dependent overgrowth can 42 operate independently in fat cells and that ubiquitous over-activation of TORC1 or Ilp 43 signaling affects basal metabolism, supporting the use of *Drosophila* as a powerful 44 model to study the link between growth and metabolism. We show that cell-autonomous restriction of glycolysis or FA synthesis in fat cells retrains overgrowth dependent on Ilp-45 but not TORC1-signaling. Additionally, the mutation of FASN (Fatty acid synthase) 46 47 results in a drop in TORC1 but not Ilp signaling, whereas, at the cell-autonomous level, this mutation affects none of these signals in fat cells. These findings thus, reveal 48 49 differential metabolic sensitivity of TORC1- and Ilp-dependent growth and suggest that 50 cell-autonomous metabolic defects might elicit local compensatory pathways. 51 Conversely, enzyme knockdown in the whole organism results in animal death. 52 Importantly, our study weakens the use of single inhibitors to fight mTOR-related diseases and strengthens the use of drug combination and selective tissue-targeting. 53

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56 **INTRODUCTION**

57 The mTOR (mechanistic Target Of Rapamycin) regulatory network orchestrates organismal growth in response to growth factor signaling and nutritional status 58 (LAPLANTE AND SABATINI 2012; HOWELL et al. 2013; LAMMING AND SABATINI 2013; 59 SHIMOBAYASHI AND HALL 2014; CARON et al. 2015; SAXTON AND SABATINI 2017; 60 MOSSMANN et al. 2018). Activation of this network promotes basal cellular functions, 61 thereby providing building blocks to sustain cellular growth. However, despite a plethora 62 of studies on the mTOR signaling network, the requirement of basal metabolism-63 64 glycolysis and FA synthesis— for cell growth has not been systematically investigated. The Drosophila model provides a powerful genetic system to address these issues 65 66 (UGUR et al. 2016), since both the intermediates of this signaling network and the basal 67 metabolic pathways are conserved in the fruit fly (MONTAGNE et al. 2001; HAY AND SONENBERG 2004; PADMANABHA AND BAKER 2014; ANTIKAINEN et al. 2017; WANGLER et al. 68 69 2017; LEHMANN 2018).

70 The mTOR protein kinase is present in two distinct complexes, mTORC1 and mTORC2 that comprise raptor and rictor, respectively (KIM et al. 2002; SARBASSOV et al. 2005). 71 ATP and amino acid levels control the recruitment of an mTORC1 homodimer at the 72 73 lysosomal membrane in the vicinity of the small GTPase Rheb (Ras homologue 74 enriched in brain) (GOBERDHAN et al. 2009; MA AND BLENIS 2009; DIBBLE AND MANNING 2013; GROENEWOUD AND ZWARTKRUIS 2013; MONTAGNE 2016). Rheb stimulates 75 76 mTORC1 activity (YANG et al. 2017), which in turn regulates several downstream targets. S6Kinase1 (S6K1) is one such kinase, sequentially activated through the 77 78 phosphorylation of its T389 and T229 residues by mTORC1 and by PDK1 79 (Phosphoinositide-dependent protein kinase 1), respectively (MONTAGNE AND THOMAS 2004; MAGNUSON et al. 2012). Rheb activation of mTORC1 is repressed by the tumor 80

81 suppressor TSC (Tuberous sclerosis complex) that comprises subunits TSC1 and TSC2 82 (RADIMERSKI et al. 2002a; GARAMI et al. 2003; INOKI et al. 2003a; DIBBLE et al. 2012). The integrity of mTORC2 is required to sustain the downstream insulin-signaling 83 84 response (SARBASSOV et al. 2005). Binding of insulin or related peptides (Ilps) to their cognate receptors results in recruitment of class I PI3K (Phosphoinositide 3-kinase) to 85 the membrane. PI3K phosphorylates inositol lipids to phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-86 triphosphate (PIP3) (ENGELMAN et al. 2006; HAEUSLER et al. 2018), while the tumor 87 88 suppressor PTEN counteracts this process (CULLY et al. 2006; GOBERDHAN et al. 2009). 89 PIP3 constitutes a membrane docking site for the protein kinase Akt whose activity 90 requires the subsequent phosphorylation of its S473 and T308 residues by mTORC2 91 and PDK1, respectively (LIEN et al. 2017).

92 Constitutive activation of mTORC1 in MEFs (Mouse embryonic fibroblasts) represses 93 the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle and stimulates anaerobic glycolysis and biosynthesis 94 of FAs and cholesterol (DUVEL et al. 2010). Conversely, adipose-specific knockout of 95 raptor to impede mTORC1 formation, results in enhanced uncoupling of mitochondrial activity (POLAK et al. 2008). The increased lipogenesis observed in mTORC1 stimulated 96 97 cells depends on the cofactor Lipin 1 and on a SREBP (Sterol responsive element 98 binding-protein) family member (DUVEL et al. 2010; PETERSON et al. 2011). Congruently, 99 TSC2 mutant cells become addicted to glucose as a result of mTORC1 hyper-activity 100 (INOKI et al. 2003b) and, in the context of mTORC1 inhibition, promote glutamine 101 anaplerosis (CHOO et al. 2010; CSIBI et al. 2013; CSIBI et al. 2014). Ilp-signaling also 102 impinges on basal metabolism. Intracellular activation of Akt increases ATP levels 103 (HAHN-WINDGASSEN et al. 2005; ROBEY AND HAY 2009) through the stimulation of 104 GLUT4-mediated glucose uptake (JALDIN-FINCATI et al. 2017) and the enhancement of 105 the expression and activity of glycolytic enzymes (GOTTLOB et al. 2001; HOUDDANE et al.

106 2017). Akt dampens glucose production also by suppressing PEPCK 107 (gluconeogenesis), glucose-6-phosphatase (glycogenolysis) and the glycogen synthesis 108 repressor GSK3 (NAKAE et al. 2001; MCMANUS et al. 2005). In addition, Akt promotes 109 mitochondrial metabolism and oxidative phosphorylations (GOTTLOB et al. 2001; 110 MAJEWSKI et al. 2004). Conversely, hepatic knockout of the mTORC2 specific-subunit 111 rictor results in constitutive gluconeogenesis and impaired glycolysis and lipogenesis 112 (HAGIWARA et al. 2012; YUAN et al. 2012). Taken together, these studies strongly 113 emphasize the role of mTOR in metabolic-related diseases and in adjusting metabolism 114 to the nutritional and energy status (MOSSMANN et al. 2018).

115 Despite a plethora of studies, the net requirement of these metabolic changes to sustain 116 overgrowth induced by over-activation of mTOR signaling has not been formally 117 addressed. This signaling network is conserved in *Drosophila* (hereafter called as TOR), 118 providing a powerful genetic system to address these issues. In the present study, we 119 investigated the requirement of glycolysis and FA synthesis for the cellular growth 120 induced by hyper-activation of TORC1 signaling and Ilp response in Drosophila. 121 Consistent with previous studies (RADIMERSKI et al. 2002a; RADIMERSKI et al. 2002b; 122 DONG AND PAN 2004; MONTAGNE et al. 2010; PALLARES-CARTES et al. 2012), we show 123 that TORC1- and Ilp-dependent overgrowth can be independently modulated in the Drosophila fat body (FB), the organ that fulfils hepatic and adipose functions 124 125 (PADMANABHA AND BAKER 2014; ANTIKAINEN et al. 2017; LEHMANN 2018). We show that 126 ubiquitous over-activation of TORC1 or Ilp signaling affects basal metabolism and that 127 metabolic restriction at the organismal level has dramatic consequences on animal 128 survival, but minor effect at the cell-autonomous level. This suggests that within an 129 organism, alternative strategies may operate to compensate local metabolic defects. 130 Finally, at the cell-autonomous level, metabolic restriction can partially restrain

overgrowth dependent on hyper-activation of Ilp- but not TORC1-signaling, indicating
that the potential compensatory metabolic pathways do not fully operate in the context
of Ilp-signaling stimulation.

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135 MATERIAL & METHODS

136 Genetics and fly handling

Fly strains: *P[w[+mC]=tubP-GAL80]LL10,P[ry[+t7.2]=neoFRT]40A*, daughterless(da)-137 gal4, tub-gal80^{ts}, UAS-Dcr-2 (Bloomington Stock Center); hs-flp,tub-gal4,UAS-nls-138 GFP/FM7, FASN¹⁻² (GARRIDO et al. 2015); Tor^{ΔP} (ZHANG et al. 2000); Tor^{2L1}, Tor^{2L19} and 139 PTEN (OLDHAM et al. 2000); EP(UAS)-Rheb (STOCKER et al. 2003); inducible interfering 140 141 RNA (UAS-RNAi) lines to PTEN (NIG 5671R-2), FASN1 (VDRC 29349), PFK1 (VDRC 142 3017), PK (VDRC 49533) PDH (VDRC 40410), LDH (VDRC 31192) (DIETZL et al. 2007). To generate MARCM clones in a *Minute* background, the *FRT40/P(arm-LacZ w⁺)* 143 144 chromosome (BOHNI et al. 1999) was recombined with the P[w[+mC]=tubP-145 GAL80]LL10,P[ry[+t7.2]=neoFRT]40A chromosome (LEE AND LUO 2001). Standard media: agar (1g), polenta (6g) and yeast (4g) for 100ml. Lipid- (beySD) and sugar-146 complemented media were as described (GARRIDO et al. 2015). FASN¹⁻² mutant larvae 147 were collected at L1 hatching on grape juice plates following the lack a GFP-labelled 148 149 balancer and transferred to fresh tubes. Prepupae were collected once a day to 150 evaluate developmental delay and to measure body weight and size.

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153 RNAi-knockdown efficacy (Figure S1): UAS-Dcr-2;da-gal4,tub-gal80^{ts} females mated
154 with UAS-RNAi males were let to lay eggs overnight. tubes were kept at 19°C for two

days, then transferred at 29°C; two days later, larvae of roughly the same size were collected for quantitative PCR as described (PARVY *et al.* 2012). For western-blotting, protein extracts were prepared as described and antibodies were previously described for dS6K and phospho-S6 (MONTAGNE *et al.* 2010; ROMERO-POZUELO *et al.* 2017) or commercially provided for phospho-dS6K, Akt and ERK (Cell signaling 9209, 9272, 4054, 4695, 4370).

161 For metabolic measurements, tubes containing 24-hr egg collection were maintained at 29°C to strengthen the gal4/UAS effect. Larvae were selected prior to L2/L3 transition 162 163 and transferred on either a standard diet or a 20%-SSD. Collection of prepupae and 164 metabolic measurements were performed as described (GARRIDO et al. 2015). For 165 protein and TAG measurements, prepupae were weighted and crushed in 400 µl PBT 166 (PBS, 0.1% Triton X-100) and centrifuged for 5 mn at 12000 rpm. For proteins, 10 µl of 167 extract mixed with 1 ml of 5X-diluted reagent (Bio-Rad Protein Assay Kit) were 168 incubated 15 mn in dark at room temperature; OD was measured at 595 nm. For TAGs, 169 20 µl of extract mixed with 500 µl of reagent (Kit STANBIO Triglyceride LiquiColor) were 170 incubated 15 mn at 37°C; OD was measured at 500 nm. For trehalose and glycogen, 171 prepupae were crushed in 350 µl Na₂CO₃⁻ (0,25 M) (PBS 0.1% Triton X-100). After 2 172 hrs incubation at 65°C, 700 µl of Na Acetate (0.3 M) and 130 µl of Acetic acid (1.7 M) 173 were added and tubes were centrifuged for 10 mn at 12000 rpm. For each sample, 174 three sets of 20 µl of extract were incubated overnight at 37°C, two of them contained 1 175 U/ml of either Trehalase or Amyloglucosidase (SIGMA). Next, all samples mixed with 500 µl of glucose oxidase (Thermo Electron, GLUCOSE (GDO-POD)) were incubated 176 177 20 mn at 37°C; OD was measured at 510 nm. The net concentration of trehalose and 178 glycogen was obtained by subtracting the concentration values of the extracts without 179 enzyme.

181 Clonal analysis

182 MARCM clones (LEE AND LUO 2001) were generated from 6-7hr egg collections heat-183 shocked for 65 mn at 38°C. FB of late L3 feeding larvae where dissected, fixed and 184 labelled with Phalloidin (membranes) and DAPI (nuclei) as described (GARRIDO et al. 185 2015). Image were acquired on a Leica SP8 confocal laser-scanning microscope. Cell 186 size calculation has been performed as described (GARRIDO et al. 2015) from at least 187 eight larvae per genotype, containing a few MARCM clones surrounded by control cells. Because of an extremely low ratio of larvae that fully develop and harbour mitotic 188 189 clones, the mean values were calculated from several experiments that could not be 190 performed at the same time, but over a long period. Therefore, for the graphs of cell 191 size measurement (Figures S2A, S2C, 5M and 7M), values are reused when they 192 correspond to the same genotype and conditions, allowing direct comparison between 193 experiments.

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Data and reagent availability statement

Fly stocks and reagents are available upon request. Supplementary materials include
 Figures S1-S5, statistical analysis (methods and Tables S1-S7) and supdata/script files.

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199 **RESULTS**

200 TORC1 and Ilp signaling independency in the fat body

201 To investigate the relationship between TORC1- and Ilp-dependent overgrowth in the

202 FB, we generated somatic clones either over-expressing Rheb (*Rheb*⁺) (STOCKER et al.

2003) or PTEN homozygous mutants (PTEN^{-/-}) (OLDHAM et al. 2000). The precursors of 203 204 FB cells divide in the embryo; during larval life, the differentiated cells do not divide but endoreplicate their DNA content to reach a giant size (EDGAR AND ORR-WEAVER 2001). 205 206 Therefore, to precisely evaluate the effect on cell growth, somatic recombinations were 207 induced during embryogenesis at the stage of proliferation of the FB cell precursors and the resulting MARCM clones were analyzed in the FB of late feeding L3 larvae, prior to 208 209 the wandering stage that precedes metamorphosis entry. In accordance with previous 210 studies manipulating IIp and TOR signaling in FB cells (BRITTON et al. 2002; SCOTT et al. 2004), both $PTEN^{-}$ and Rheb⁺ clonal cells were bigger than the surrounding control 211 cells and this cell size effect was dramatically increased in *PTEN^{/-}:Rheb*⁺ combined 212 213 clones (Figure 1A-D and Figure S2A). We next analyzed this growth increase in the context of previously reported *Tor* mutations, the $Tor^{\Delta P}$ deletion (ZHANG et al. 2006), and 214 the Tor^{2L1} and Tor^{2L19} alleles that result in a kinase inactive and in a short truncated 215 216 protein, respectively (OLDHAM et al. 2000). Given that we could not find mutant clones, 217 which were likely eliminated by cell competition, we generated somatic clones in a 218 Minute background to slow down the growth of the surrounding control cells. In these 219 conditions, any of the Tor mutant cells exhibited a dramatic size reduction (Figure 1G, 1J, 1M and Figure S2C) and this phenotype was dominant in *Rheb*⁺ combined clonal 220 cells (Figure S2C and compare Figure 1E to 1H, 1K and 1N). In contrast, $Tor^{\Delta P}$ and 221 Tor^{2L19} but not Tor^{2L1} exhibited a clear dominant phenotype over the *PTEN*^{/-} mutation; 222 the size of $Tor^{\Delta P}$, $PTEN^{\prime}$ and Tor^{2L19} , $PTEN^{\prime}$ clonal cells was dramatically reduced 223 (Figure S2C and compare Figure 1F to 1L and 1O), whereas *Tor^{2L1},PTEN^{/-}* clonal cells 224 were bigger than the surrounding cells (Figure 1M) and tend to be relatively bigger than 225 control clonal cells (Figure S2B and S2C). These findings indicate that the Tor^{2L1} 226

mutation restrains TORC1- but not IIp-dependent overgrowth, whereas $Tor^{\Delta P}$ and Tor^{2L19} affects both.

Next, we used phospho-specific antibodies in immunostaining assays to analyze the 229 phosphorylation of Akt (P-Akt) and of the dS6K target, ribosomal protein rpS6 (P-S6). 230 The P-Akt intracellular signal was increased in $PTEN^{-1}$ clones, absent in $Tor^{\Delta P}$ and 231 Tor^{2L19} clones, but not affected in Tor^{2L1} clones (Figure 2A-D). Staining with the rpS6 232 phospho-specific antibody revealed a patchy signal, with only a subset of cells 233 234 expressing the P-S6 signal in the FB (Figure 2E-H), a pattern previously described in 235 the wing imaginal disc (ROMERO-POZUELO et al. 2017). Therefore, to evaluate TORC1 236 activity, we measured the ratio of P-S6 positive cells among the population of GFP⁺ clonal cells. About half of the control clones were P-S6 positive (Figure 2E and 2M), 237 whereas most of the Tor^{2L1} , Tor^{2L19} and $Tor^{\Delta P}$ clones were P-S6 negative (Figure 2F-H 238 and 2M). Importantly, almost all the Rheb⁺ clones were P-S6 positive (Figure 2I and 239 240 2M), whereas the ratio of P-S6 positive cells was slightly but not significantly increased in the *PTEN^{/-}* clones (Figure 2J and 2M). Taken together, these findings reveal that the 241 Tor^{2L1} mutation affects only TORC1, whereas the $Tor^{\Delta P}$ and Tor^{2L19} mutations affect 242 243 both signaling branches and support the notion that IIp- and TORC1-dependent 244 overgrowth can be independently modulated in FB cells.

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Activating TORC1 or IIp signaling impacts basal metabolism

To evaluate how TORC1 and Ilp affect basal metabolism in *Drosophila*, we analyzed various metabolites in whole animals that express the ubiquitous *da-gal4* driver to direct Rheb overexpression (*Rheb*⁺⁺) or PTEN knockdown (*PTEN-RNAi*). Larvae were fed either a standard or a 20%-sucrose supplemented diet (20%-SSD) and 0-5h prepupae were collected, as this is a convenient phase to stage the animals after the feeding

period. When fed a standard diet, a high rate of lethality was observed for Rheb⁺⁺ and 252 PTEN-RNAi larvae, although a sufficient number of prepupae could be recovered. 253 Given that none of the Rheb⁺⁺ and PTEN-RNAi larvae fed a 20%-SSD reached the 254 prepupal stage, larvae were first fed a standard diet and transferred onto a 20%-SSD at 255 256 the L2/L3 molting transition. In this way, we could recover a few prepupae for metabolic 257 measurements. For both males and females fed a standard diet, the body weight of 258 *Rheb*⁺⁺ and *PTEN-RNAi* prepupae was roughly similar to that of controls (Figure 3A and 259 3B). Conversely, providing a 20%-SSD resulted in a drop of the prepupal weight of control animals that was significantly compensated in Rheb⁺⁺ and PTEN-RNAi 260 prepupae (Figure 3A and 3B). 261

262 Next, we measured the total amounts of protein, triacylglycerol (TAG), glycogen and 263 trehalose—the most abundant circulating sugar in *Drosophila*. Although protein levels did not vary in PTEN-RNAi and Rheb⁺⁺ animals fed a standard diet, a mild but 264 265 significant increase was observed in PTEN-RNAi animals fed a 20%-SSD (Figure 3C). TAG levels were strongly increased in animals fed a 20%-SSD (Figure 3D). When fed a 266 standard diet, TAG levels did not vary in *PTEN-RNAi* and *Rheb*⁺⁺ animals, whereas, 267 268 when fed a 20%-SSD, they were strongly increased in *PTEN-RNAi* animals (Figure 3D). 269 Feeding larvae a 20%-SSD resulted in a moderate increase in glycogen and trehalose levels in control prepupae (Figure 3E-F). In Rheb⁺⁺ and, in lower extent, in PTEN-RNAi 270 271 prepupae, glycogen levels were significantly lower than those measured in controls (Figure 3E). Finally, trehalose levels were strongly decreased in both Rheb⁺⁺ and 272 PTEN-RNAi prepupae fed either a standard or a 20%-SSD as compared to control 273 274 (Figure 3F). Taken together, these findings suggest that a ubiquitous increased activity 275 of either TORC1 or Ilp signaling provokes an apparent increase in sugar consumption. This metabolic rate is correlated with a relative increase in body weight for larvae fed a 276

277 20%-SSD, but not for those fed a standard diet. We previously observed that increasing 278 dietary sucrose induced a reduction in food intake (GARRIDO et al. 2015) that may 279 account for the body weight reduction of control animals. Potentially, food intake could be less affected in *Rheb*⁺⁺ and *PTEN-RNAi* animals, thereby leading to a compensatory 280 281 effect on body weight. Measuring food intake in *Rheb*⁺⁺ or *PTEN-RNAi* larvae was not applicable since most of them die during larval stage and thus, terminate feeding earlier. 282 In sum, our data indicates that basal metabolism is altered in the few Rheb⁺⁺ or PTEN-283 284 RNAi larvae that survive and further suggests that in most cases stronger metabolic disruption may happen, resulting in lethal homeostatic defects. 285

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287 Knocking-down glycolysis at the whole body level

288 To determine whether the basal energy metabolism affected TORC1- and/or Ilpsignaling, we ubiquitously expressed RNAis against phosphofructokinase1 (PFK1-289 290 RNAi), pyruvate kinase (PK-RNAi) pyruvate dehydrogenase (PDH-RNAi) and lactate 291 dehydrogenase (LDH-RNAI). PFK1 catalyzes the third glycolytic reaction to form 292 fructose 1.6-bisphophate; PK catalyzes the final glycolytic reaction to form pyruvate; PDH directs the mitochondrial fate of pyruvate, whereas LDH directs its anaerobic fate 293 294 (Figure 4A). When directed with the ubiquitous *da-gal4* driver, *PK-RNAi* provoked early larval lethality, PFK1-RNAi and PDH-RNAi provoked larval lethality at L2 or L3 stages, 295 296 whereas LDH-RNAi induced a semi-lethal phenotype at larval or pupal stages (Figure 297 4B).

298 Next, we monitored the phosphorylation of the *Drosophila* S6Kinase (dS6K), Akt and 299 ERK. To circumvent the early lethality, the activity of the *da-gal4* driver was blocked 300 until early L1 stage using the thermo-sensitive Gal4 inhibitor, Gal80^{ts}, then, RNAi 301 expression was induced by a temperature shift at 29°C; protein extracts were prepared

302 two days later using late L2 larvae. At this stage the larvae were still viable, although 303 those expressing PK-RNAi did not undergo L2/L3 transition and eventually died (Figure 304 4B). Western-blotting revealed that RNAi-knockdown of PFK1 or LDH did not affect 305 phosphorylation of dS6K, Akt or ERK (Figure 4C and Figure S3A-F). In contrast, 306 knockdown of PK or PDH decreased dS6K phosphorylation, whereas PK- but not PDH-307 knockdown mildly decreased Akt phosphorylation (Figure 4C and S3A-D). Unexpectedly, knockdown of PK and LDH, and in lower extent knockdown of PFK and 308 309 PDH, increased the amounts of total ERK protein with minor effects on its 310 phosphorylation rate (Figure 4C and Figure S3E-F). These results indicate that ubiquitous knockdown of aerobic glycolysis specifically affects TORC1 signaling. 311

312 To evaluate the requirement of glycolysis for adult survival, RNAi-knockdown was 313 induced by temperature shift to 29°C in newly emerged flies and lethality was counted 314 every second day. In both males and females, PK and PFK1 knockdown provoked 315 lethality between 10 to 14 days after temperature shift (Figure 4D). Knockdown of PDH 316 and LDH also induced adult lethality, although not as soon as PK and PFK1 knockdown (Figure 4D). As a comparison, to evaluate the consequence of disrupting FA synthesis, 317 318 we knocked-down FASN1 (Figure 4A) in adults; about a quarter of FASN1-RNAi flies 319 died between 10 to 14 days, while the others survived nearly as well as control flies 320 (FASN1i in Figure 4D). Taken together, these data indicate that glycolysis is essential 321 for both larval development and adult survival.

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323 Cell-autonomous requirement of glycolysis for IIp- but not TORC1-dependent 324 overgrowth

325 To investigate the requirement of glycolysis to sustain cell-autonomous overgrowth 326 dependent on IIp- and TORC1-signaling, *PFK1-RNAi*, *PK-RNAi*, *PDH-RNAi* and *LDH-*

RNAi were induced in $PTEN^{-}$ or Rheb⁺ clones. Except a moderate effect of PK-RNAi, 327 328 clones expressing RNAi against these metabolic enzymes did not significantly affect the 329 growth of FB cells (Figure 5A-D and 5M). In combined clones, none of the RNAi affected the growth of *Rheb*⁺ clones (Figure 5E-H and 5M). In contrast, the size of 330 PTEN^{/-} clones was significantly decreased when co-expressing RNAi against any of 331 332 these metabolic enzymes (Figure 5I-M). These findings indicate that both aerobic and anaerobic glycolysis are required to sustain cell-autonomous overgrowth dependent on 333 334 Ilp signaling. In contrast, reducing glycolysis does not counteract cell-autonomous overgrowth dependent on TORC1 signaling. 335

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337 Linking FA synthesis to TORC1- and Ilp-signaling

338 Since glycolysis and FA synthesis are tightly connected metabolic pathways (GARRIDO 339 et al. 2015), we investigated whether the deficiency of the latter affects llp or TORC1 340 signaling. The Drosophila genome encodes three FASN genes, FASN1 is ubiquitously expressed but not FASN2 or FASN3 (PARVY et al. 2012; CHUNG et al. 2014; WICKER-341 THOMAS et al. 2015). The deletion of the FASN1 and FASN2 tandem (FASN^{$\Delta 24-23$} 342 deletion, hereafter called FASN¹⁻²) results in a lethal phenotype that can be rescued by 343 feeding larvae a lipid-complemented diet (beySD) (GARRIDO et al. 2015; WICKER-344 THOMAS et al. 2015). However, beySD-rescued FASN¹⁻² mutant larvae exhibited a 345 developmental delay to enter metamorphosis (Figure 6A). Further, when beySD-346 rescued FASN¹⁻² mutant larvae were transferred at the L2/L3 larval transition onto a 347 348 10% sucrose-supplemented-beySD, only a few of them completed the third larval stage 349 and, after an extreme developmental delay, entered metamorphosis (Figure 6A). Delay 350 in development can be due to a default in ecdysone production that results in giant pupae (PARVY et al. 2014) or to impaired TOR signaling that results in reduced body 351

growth (MONTAGNE et al. 1999; OLDHAM et al. 2000). Measurements of prepupal weight 352 revealed that FASN¹⁻² mutant prepupae exhibited a severe reduction in body weight and 353 354 body size, whether or not they were supplemented with sucrose (Figure 6B and Figure 355 S4), suggesting a defect in TOR signaling. Therefore, we analyzed the phosphorylation 356 of the Drosophila S6Kinase (dS6K) and Akt in protein extracts of late feeding L3 larvae. Western-blotting revealed that the dS6K protein resolved in several bands in FASN¹⁻² 357 358 extracts, whereas Akt protein was unchanged (Figure 6C and Figure S3G and S3I). These results suggest that dS6K but not Akt might be degraded in the FASN¹⁻² mutant 359 background. In addition, dS6K phosphorylation decreased in FASN¹⁻² extracts and 360 became barely detectable when FASN¹⁻² larvae were fed a sucrose-supplemented-361 362 beySD (Figure 6C and Figure S3H). Conversely, the phosphorylation of Akt was unaffected in larvae fed a beySD, although it was slightly decreased in larvae fed a 363 364 sucrose-supplemented-beySD (Figure 6C and Figure S3J). This finding contrasts with our previous observation showing that FB explants of FASN¹⁻² mutant larvae were 365 hypersensitive to insulin (GARRIDO et al. 2015). However, FASN¹⁻² mutants also 366 367 exhibited a decrease in food intake (GARRIDO et al. 2015), which might induce a systemic suppression of dS6K phosphorylation, while FB explant were cultured in 368 369 nutrient media supplemented with insulin. Therefore, to determine whether FASN 370 mutation affects TOR signaling at the cell-autonomous level, we analyzed P-S6 and P-Akt in FASN¹⁻² mutant clones in the FB. As for control clones, about half of the FASN¹⁻² 371 372 clonal cells were P-S6 positive (Figure 2L and 2M). Furthermore, no effect on P-Akt was observed in FASN¹⁻² clonal cells (Figure 2K). In summary, these findings reveal that 373 374 disrupting FA synthesis does not significantly affect TORC1 and Ilp signaling at the cellautonomous level, although it seems to impinge on TORC1 signaling when inhibited in 375 376 the whole animal whether directly or indirectly.

378 Cell-autonomous requirement of FA synthesis for Ilp- but not TORC1-dependent 379 overgrowth

To determine, whether FA synthesis is required at the cell-autonomous level to sustain 380 TORC1 and/or llp dependent growth, we analyzed FASN¹⁻² clones while enhancing 381 either TORC1 or Ilp signaling in FB cells. We previously reported (GARRIDO et al. 2015) 382 that FASN¹⁻² clonal cells in the FB were slightly reduced in size and that this effect was 383 384 dramatically increased in larvae fed a 20%-SSD (Figure S5A-B and Figure 7M). Therefore, we generated $PTEN^{-}$ and $Rheb^+$ clones combined or not with the $FASN^{1-2}$ 385 386 mutation and analyzed them in the FB of larvae fed either a standard diet or a 20%-387 SSD. As compared to the standard diet, feeding larvae a 20%-SSD had no effect on the size of *Rheb*⁺ clonal cells, but significantly reduced the size of *PTEN*^{/-} and of *PTEN*^{/-} 388 ;*Rheb*⁺ clonal cells (Figure 7A-F and 7M). Further, when combined with the FASN¹⁻² 389 mutation, *PTEN^{/-}* but not *Rheb*⁺ clones were significantly reduced in size (Figure 7G-H 390 and 7M). The $FASN^{1-2}$ mutation also provoked a severe size reduction of $PTEN^{/-}$. Rheb⁺ 391 clones (Figure 7I and 7M). Moreover, as compared to the standard diet, feeding larvae 392 a 20%-SSD induced a significant size reduction of FASN¹⁻²; Rheb⁺, FASN¹⁻², PTEN^{-/-} and 393 FASN¹⁻², PTEN^{-/-}; Rheb⁺ clonal cells (Figure 7J-L and 7M). Of note, except for the 394 $FASN^{1-2}$; Rheb⁺ clonal cells in larvae fed a 20%-SSD that exhibited a size roughly 395 396 identical to that of the surrounding control cells (Figure 7J), the cell size was always 397 bigger than the controls (Figure 7M). These findings indicate that, in larvae fed a standard diet, FA synthesis is at least in part required to sustain over-growth induced by 398 399 Ilp, but not TORC1. Nonetheless, the metabolic dependency of Ilp-induced overgrowth might be a consequence of the stronger phenotype of $PTEN^{-}$ clones, which could be 400 more sensitive to metabolic restriction than the one of *Rheb*⁺ clones. To challenge such 401

402 an unspecific effect, we made use of PTEN-RNAi that diminish but do not abolish its 403 expression. In this setting, the size of PTEN-RNAi clonal cells was significantly higher 404 than the one of control clones, but not as much as the one of *Rheb*⁺ clonal cells (Figure 7M and Figure S5C). Importantly the size of *PTEN-RNAi* clonal cells was significantly 405 406 diminished when combine to the FASN deficiency (Figure 7M and Figure S5D), which excludes a strength-phenotype dependent effect. In conclusion, overgrown cells 407 408 generated by IIp over-activation have limited homeostatic abilities to adjust to metabolic 409 restriction, whereas TORC1 activated cells at least in part maintain these abilities.

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411 **DISCUSSION**

412 In this study, we have investigated the functional links between the glycolysis/FA 413 synthesis axis and TORC1- or Ilp-dependent growth in Drosophila. Consistent with 414 previous studies (RADIMERSKI et al. 2002a; RADIMERSKI et al. 2002b; DONG AND PAN 415 2004; MONTAGNE et al. 2010; PALLARES-CARTES et al. 2012), we show that TORC1- and 416 Ilp-dependent overgrowth can be independently modulated in the Drosophila FB. 417 TORC1, once recruited at the lysosomal membrane, is activated by Rheb to phosphorylate downstream targets (MONTAGNE 2016). TORC2, which comprises rictor, 418 419 resides in the IIp signaling cascade to phosphorylate the S505 residue in the hydrophobic motif (HM) of Akt. However, a study on a Drosophila rictor mutant reported 420 421 that S505 phosphorylation by TORC2 was not required to sustain Akt-dependent growth 422 and proposed that TORC2 plays as a rheostat for this process (HIETAKANGAS AND COHEN 2007). Here, we provide evidence that the previously described *Tor^{2L1}* mutation, which 423 424 likely results in a kinase-inactive protein (OLDHAM et al. 2000), affects TORC1 but not Ilp-dependent overgrowth, whereas both overgrowth processes are suppressed by the 425 Tor^{ΔP} or Tor^{2L19} mutations that likely represent null mutants. Surprisingly, we observe 426

that the S505 residue in the Akt HM is still phosphorylated in Tor^{2L1} , but not $Tor^{\Delta P}$ and *Tor*^{2L19} mutant clones. Taken together, these findings reveal that the TOR protein, but not its kinase activity, is required for Akt HM phosphorylation and for Ilp-dependent overgrowth through a molecular mechanism that remains to be elucidated.

431 Intriguingly, our study reveals apparent contradictory effects between perturbations at 432 the whole body and cell-autonomous levels. At the organismal level, knockdowns of 433 glycolytic enzymes to mimic drug treatment with a systemic inhibitor result in animal death. Knockdown of PDH suppress dS6K but not Akt phosphorylation suggesting that 434 435 aerobic glycolysis is crucial for TORC1 signaling. These observations contrast with 436 mammalian studies showing that mTORC1 stimulation promotes anaerobic glycolysis 437 (DUVEL et al. 2010), whereas Akt activation promotes aerobic glycolysis (GOTTLOB et al. 438 2001). Furthermore, at the cell-autonomous level, repression of either aerobic or 439 anaerobic glycolysis partly restrains IIp- but not TORC1-dependent overgrowth of FB 440 cells. Taken together, these findings confirm the existence of tight connections between 441 TOR signaling and basal metabolism, although the cell-autonomous effects suggest that 442 this connection integrates interactions operating between neighboring cells or organs. In 443 addition, the growth defect of beySD-rescued FASN null mutants might result from the 444 decrease in TORC1 activity, suggesting that TORC1 but not Ilp signaling relies on FA 445 synthesis. However, at the cell autonomous level, the deficiency of FASN restrains llp 446 but not TORC1 dependent overgrowth in FB cells. These apparent contradictory 447 findings, suggest that the growth defect and the reduction of TORC1 activity in FASN 448 mutants are not due to the addition of cell-autonomous effects but potentially to a 449 systemic regulation, as for instance, Ilp secretion by neurosecretory cells (RULIFSON et 450 al. 2002). Alternatively, considering that TORC1 directly responds to nutrients (OLDHAM 451 et al. 2000), the drop of TORC1 activity may be a consequence of feeding, consistent

with the decrease in food uptake previously reported in FASN¹⁻² mutants (GARRIDO et al. 452 453 2015). Congruently, a study on the transcription factor Mondo, which stimulates 454 and FA synthesis in response to dietary sugar (MATTILA et al. 2015; glycolysis RICHARDS et al. 2017), suggests the existence of a FASN-dependent control of food 455 intake (SASSU et al. 2012). Finally, the drop of TORC1 activity observed in FASN¹⁻² 456 457 mutants may be a consequence of malonyl-CoA accumulation, since mTOR 458 malonylation has been reported to inhibit mTORC1- but not IIp/mTORC2-dependent 459 activity (BRUNING et al. 2018). Whether TOR malonylation and the subsequent decrease in TORC1 activity may also occur in *Drosophila* should be investigated in the future. 460

461 Our study reveals that over-activation of mTORC1 and of Ilp signaling, results in a 462 decrease in glycogen stores and in circulating trehalose, suggesting that activation of 463 either signaling branch enhances glucose consumption to sustain cell growth. However, 464 the activation of neither mTORC1 nor IIp signaling induces an increase in body weight. 465 Ubiguitous activation of TORC1 or IIp signaling is likely to promote the growth of most 466 cells, but might concurrently perturb endocrine signals dampening overall growth. For 467 instance, previous studies reported that activation of Ilp signaling within the ecdysone-468 secreting gland, results in a systemic decrease in body growth (CALDWELL et al. 2005; 469 COLOMBANI et al. 2005; MIRTH 2005). Of note, we observed that larvae fed a 20%-SSD 470 result in pupae with reduced body weight, an effect that is partially suppressed when 471 either TORC1 or Ilp signaling is over-activated. The fact that the overall body weight of 472 these animals is maintained within a range likely compatible with organismal survival 473 contrasts with the observed high rate of lethality. The decrease in glycogen and 474 trehalose suggests that in these animals each cell tends to increase its basal 475 metabolism evoking an egoist behavior that might perturb the equilibrium between cell-476 autonomous and systemic regulation. Thus, in a stressful situation, as when animals are

fed a 20%-SSD, the need of a tight adjustment to an unbalanced diet might enhance the
distortion between cell-autonomous effects and systemic regulation, resulting in animal
death.

480 A plethora of studies in mammalian cells indicate that mTOR activation directs 481 metabolism towards glucose consumption, storage and anabolism (GOTTLOB et al. 482 2001; INOKI et al. 2003b; HAHN-WINDGASSEN et al. 2005; DUVEL et al. 2010; PETERSON et 483 al. 2011; HOUDDANE et al. 2017; JALDIN-FINCATI et al. 2017; WIPPERMAN et al. 2019). Our 484 study suggests that in the *Drosophila* larvae, TOR promotes glucose consumption, but 485 an increase in TAG levels is observed only for larvae fed a 20%-SSD when Ilp signaling 486 is ubiquitously over-activated. However, at the cell-autonomous level, we observe that 487 inhibition of glycolysis or FA synthesis restrains neither larval FB cell growth nor 488 overgrowth induced by TORC1 stimulation in these cells. These findings counteract the 489 idea that mTORC1 potentiates a glycolysis/FA synthesis axis (DUVEL et al. 2010) to 490 sustain cell growth. To overcome the lack of glycolytic products and of membrane lipids, 491 these cells may benefit of a transfer from neighboring cells and/or might favor 492 alternative metabolic pathways, including glutamine catabolism to feed TCA 493 anaplerosis, which has been shown to be a crucial pathway in mTORC1-stimulated 494 mammalian cells (CHOO et al. 2010; CSIBI et al. 2013; CSIBI et al. 2014). Nonetheless, 495 such compensatory processes do not fully operate to sustain Ilp-dependent overgrowth, 496 potentially because these cells might be more sensitive to homeostasis perturbations or 497 because the modulation of Ilp signaling would be required for these compensatory 498 processes.

As a coordinator of growth and metabolism, mTOR plays a central role in tumor development (DOWLING *et al.* 2010; HARACHI *et al.* 2018; MOSSMANN *et al.* 2018; TIAN *et al.* 2019). PTEN, the tumor suppressor that counteracts PI3K activity downstream of the

502 Ilp receptor, is deficient in several human cancers (CULLY et al. 2006). Mutation of TSC1 503 or TSC2, which results in mTORC1 hyper-activation, is associated with benign tumors 504 but also with brain, kidney and lung destructive diseases (HENSKE et al. 2016). To 505 investigate the role of mTOR regarding tumor development, a recent study reported the 506 generation of liver-specific double knockout mice for TSC1 and PTEN (GURI et al. 507 2017). These mice develop hepatic steatosis that eventually progresses to 508 hepatocellular carcinoma. Both processes are suppressed in mice fed the mTORC1/2 509 inhibitors INK128, but not the mTORC1 inhibitor rapamycin, supporting an IIp/mTORC2 510 specific effect. The combination of inhibitors against mTOR and metabolism is currently 511 under clinical investigation to fight cancers (MOSSMANN et al. 2018). Importantly, our 512 study reveals that ubiquitous inhibition of basal metabolism produces dramatic effects 513 during development, while at the cell-autonomous level, it only moderates growth 514 induced by over-activation of IIp/TORC2 signaling. Therefore, the use of drug therapy to 515 fight cancer must be taken with caution, in particular if organismal development is not 516 complete and most efforts should be made to selectively target sick tissues.

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532 FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1: TORC1- and Ilp-dependent growth in FB cells. MARCM clones labeled by
GFP (green) in the FB of L3 larvae. Nuclei were labeled with DAPI (silver) and
membranes with phalloidin (red). Control (A), *Rheb*⁺ (B), *PTEN*^{-/-} (C) and *PTEN*^{-/-};*Rheb*⁺
(D) clones were generated in a wild type background. *Rheb*⁺ (E), *PTEN*^{-/-} (F), *Tor*^{2L1} (G) *Tor*^{2L1}, *Rheb*⁺ (H) *Tor*^{2L1}, *PTEN*^{-/-} (I), *Tor*^{ΔP} (J), *Tor*^{ΔP}, *Rheb*⁺ (K), *Tor*^{ΔP}, *PTEN*^{-/-} (L) *Tor*^{2L19}
(M) *Tor*^{2L19}, *Rheb*⁺ (N) and *Tor*^{2L19}, *PTEN*^{-/-} (O), clones were generated in a *Minute* (*M*)
background. Scale bars: 50µm.

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Figure 2: TORC1 and Ilp signaling activity in FB cells. (A-J) MARCM clones labeled 541 by GFP (green) in the FB of L3 larvae. Clones were generated in a wild type 542 (A,E,I,J,K,L) or a *Minute* (B,C,D,F,G,H) background and nuclei were labeled with DAPI 543 (silver). FB tissues with $PTEN^{-/-}$ (A), Tor^{2L1} (B), $Tor^{\Delta P}$ (C), Tor^{2L19} (D) and $FASN^{1-2}$ (K) 544 clones were stained with a phospho-AKT antibody. FB tissues with control (E). Tor^{2L1} 545 (F), Tor^{ΔP} (G), Tor^{2L19} (H) Rheb⁺ (I), PTEN^{/-} (J) and FASN¹⁻² (L) clones were stained 546 with a phospho-S6 antibody. Scale bars: 50µm. (M) Percentage of P-S6 positive clones 547 with respect to the total number of MARCM clones for control, FASN¹⁻², PTEN^{-/-}, Rheb⁺, 548 Tor^{2L1} , $Tor^{\Delta P}$ and Tor^{2L19} genotypes. 549

Figure 3: Enhanced TORC1 or IIp signaling affects larval metabolism. (A-B) Body weight of female (A) and male (B) prepupae formed from larvae fed either a standard (0%) or a 20%-SSD (20%) as from the L2/L3 transition. (C-F) Measurement of total protein (C), TAG (D), glycogen (E) and trehalose (F) levels in prepupae fed either a standard or a 20%-SSD. Prepupae used in these measurements were the F1 progeny from *da-gal4*;*UAS-Dcr-2* females mated to either control (Co), *EP(UAS)-Rheb* (*Rheb*⁺⁺) or *UAS-PTEN-RNAi* (*PTEN-Ri*) males.

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559 Figure 4: Glycolysis knockdown in whole organisms. (A) Scheme of basal 560 metabolism. Glucose and trehalose enter glycolysis as glucose-6P, whereas fructose 561 follows a distinct pathway to triose-P. Enzymes investigated in the present study are marked in red. (B) Phenotype of ubiquitous RNAi knockdown of PFK1, PK, LDH and 562 563 PDH. Flies were left to lay eggs overnight either at 29°C (column 0h) or at 19°C and 564 transferred to 29°C the day after (column 24h); then development proceeded at 29°C (i.e. the temperature that inactivates Gal80). (C) Western-blot analysis of total (top) or 565 566 phosphorylated (mid) dS6K (left) or Akt (right) proteins; tubulin (bottom) was used as a loading control. Protein extracts were prepared with late L2 larvae either control (Co), or 567 568 expressing RNAi against the indicated metabolic enzymes. (D) Survival at 29°C of male 569 (top) and female (bottom) control flies or flies expressing RNAi against the indicated metabolic enzymes as from adult eclosion. 570

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Figure 5: Cell-autonomous requirement of glycolysis for Ilp- but not TORC1dependent overgrowth. (A-G) MARCM clones labeled by GFP (green) in the FB of L3
larvae. Nuclei were labeled with DAPI (silver) and membranes with phalloidin (red).
Genotypes of MARCM clones are: *PFK1-RNAi* (A), *PK-RNAi* (B), *LDH-RNAi* (C), *PDH-*

576 RNAi (D), Rheb⁺, PFK1-RNAi (E), Rheb⁺, PK-RNAi (F), Rheb⁺, LDH-RNAi (G),
577 Rheb⁺, PDH-RNAi (H), PTEN^{-/-}; PFK1-RNAi (I), PTEN^{-/-}; PK-RNAi (J), PTEN^{-/-}; PDH-RNAi
578 (K) and PTEN^{-/-}; PDH-RNAi (L). Scale bars: 50µm. (M) Relative size of clonal cells
579 corresponding to the clones shown in A-L, and in Figure 1A for control (Co).

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Figure 6: FASN¹⁻² mutation affects developmental growth and TORC1 signaling. 581 (A) Developmental duration from eqg laying to metamorphosis onset of w^{1118} control 582 (Co) and FASN¹⁻² (FASN) larvae fed either a beySD (0%) or a 10% sucrose-583 supplemented-beySD as from the L2/L3 transition (10%); n: total number of larvae 584 585 collected for each condition. Each condition and genotype significantly differ from each 586 other, either by final frequency or dynamic of pupariation (Table S6). (B) Prepupal weight of females (left) and males (right) as listed in 6A; the numbers of weighted 587 588 prepupae are indicated above each sample. (C) Western-blot analysis of (from top to bottom) total dS6K, phosphorylated dS6K, total Akt, phosphorylated Akt and total 589 590 tubulin as a loading control. Protein extracts were prepared from feeding L3 larvae prior to the wandering stage as listed in 6A. For each condition, at least 30 larvae were used 591 592 to prepare protein extracts.

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Figure 7: Cell-autonomous requirement of FASN activity for IIp- but not TORC1dependent overgrowth. (A-L) MARCM clones labeled by GFP (green) in the FB of L3 larvae fed either a standard (A-C, G-I) or a 20%-SSD (D-F, J-L). Nuclei were labeled with DAPI (silver) and membranes with phalloidin (red). Genotypes of MARCM clones are: *Rheb*⁺ (A,D), *PTEN*^{-/-} (B,E) *PTEN*^{-/-},*Rheb*⁺ (C,F), *FASN*¹⁻²;*Rheb*⁺ (G,J) *FASN*¹⁻² ²,*PTEN*^{-/-} (H,K) and the *FASN*¹⁻²,*PTEN*^{-/-};*Rheb*⁺ (I,L). Scale bars: 50µm. (**M**) Relative size of clonal cells corresponding to the clones shown in A-L and in Figure S5A-D for
 *FASN*¹⁻² and *PTEN-RNAi* clones and in Figure 1A for control (Co).

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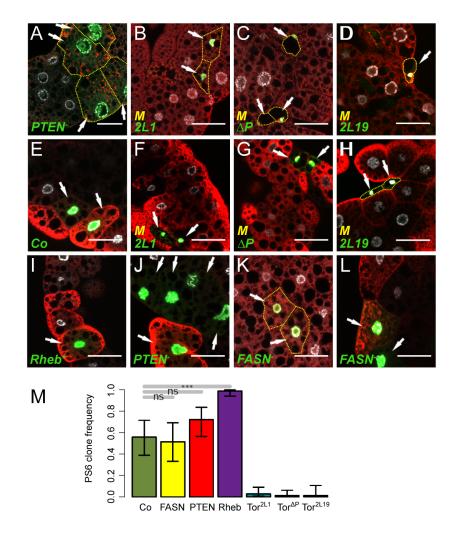
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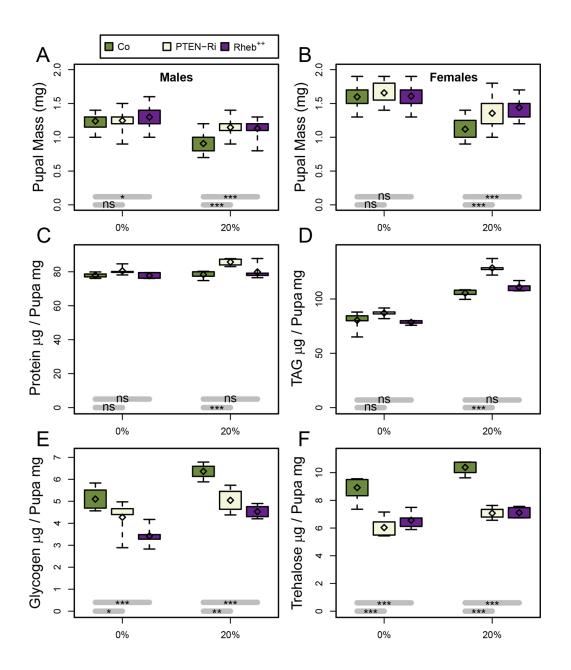
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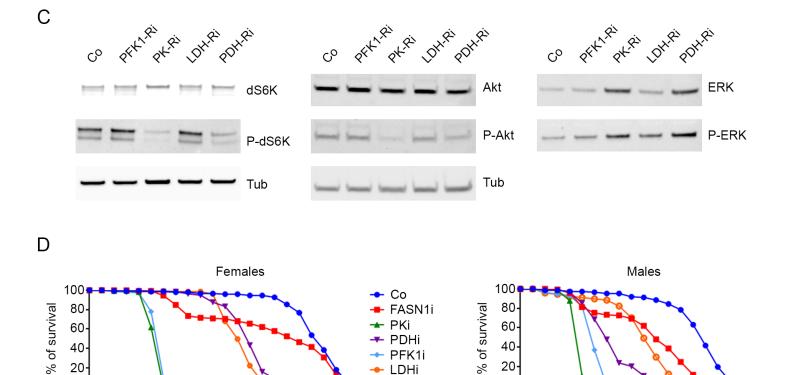
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